

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1377

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate East Tennessee State University on being recognized by Forbes as one of America's Best Employers.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those educational institutions that, through the natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence evidenced by their administration, faculty, staff, and students, have earned national praise and accolades; and

WHEREAS, East Tennessee State University (ETSU) is one such institution, which was recently recognized by Forbes in its 2022 listing of America's Best Employers; and

WHEREAS, compiled by Forbes and Statista, the listing on Forbes.com was based on data from an independent survey taken by approximately 60,000 employees working for companies with more than 1,000 workers in the United States; and

WHEREAS, a total of 1,000 employers were recognized across twenty-five different industry sectors; the list is divided into two rankings: 500 large and 500 midsize employers; and

WHEREAS, ETSU, one of the largest employers in the Appalachian Highlands region with approximately 2,400 regular employees, is ranked 144<sup>th</sup> in the America's Best Midsize Employers category; and

WHEREAS, employee satisfaction at ETSU is at an all-time high, having increased fifteen percent since 2016, according to the Great Colleges to Work For Survey; and

WHEREAS, such rankings are a testament to an organization's dedication to cultivating an exceptional work environment, and ETSU is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate East Tennessee State University on being named one of America's Best Employers by Forbes, salute the administration on this prestigious honor, and extend our best wishes for every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.